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MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES BOUNDARY COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO OF JULY 29, 1882, TOUCHING THE REMARKING OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THOSE TWO COUNTRIES WEST OF THE RIO GRANDE.

APRIL 29, 1897.—Read, referred to the Committee on Printing, and ordered to be printed, without accompanying documents.

To the Congress of the United States:

I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State, accompanied by the report of the United States Boundary Commission, pursuant to the convention between the United States and Mexico of July 29, 1882, touching the remarking of the boundary line between those two countries west of the Rio Grande.

I urge that provision be made for the immediate printing of a sufficient supply of this valuable document.

WILLIAM McKINLEY.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,

Washington, April 26, 1897.

The PRESIDENT:

I transmit herewith the report of the United States Boundary Commission under the convention between the United States and Mexico, concluded July 29, 1882, which provided for an international boundary survey to relocate the existing frontier line between the two countries west of the Rio Grande.

The Commissioners on the part of the United States were Col. J. W. Barlow, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.; Capt. D. D. Gaillard, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and Mr. A. T. Mosman, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Treasury Department. They have discharged their work in a creditable and satisfactory manner, as will be further seen by the report and its several accompaniments.

Inclosing as a part of the record in the case a copy of a letter from the Commissioners, dated November 25, 1896, the subject is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHERMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, April 22, 1897.

List of accompaniments.

Report, 3 volumes.
 Maps, 1 volume.
 Engravings, 1 volume.
 Letter of November 25, 1896, from the Commissioners to the Secretary of State, with its accompaniments.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
 INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION,
 UNITED STATES AND MEXICO,
Washington, D. C., November 25, 1896.

The SECRETARY OF STATE,

Washington, D. C.

SIR: The Commissioners on the part of the United States have the honor to submit herewith their final report on the survey and re-marking of the boundary between the United States and Mexico west of the Rio Grande, pursuant to the convention between the United States and Mexico of July 29, 1882, revived by the convention of February 18, 1889, and continued until October 11, 1896, by that of April 24, 1894.

The report consists of the following:

First. The report of the Joint Commission (in triplicate, one copy being in the Spanish language), dated August 14, 1896.

An atlas, bound in leather, containing 19 sheets of the boundary map.

One volume, bound in leather, of 300 illustrations, showing views of the monuments and scenes adjacent to the boundary.

Second. The report of the United States section of the Commission, consisting of 2 volumes (in duplicate) arranged in 10 chapters, including appendixes.

One atlas, bound in leather, containing 5 sheets of profile and 2 sheets, index map.

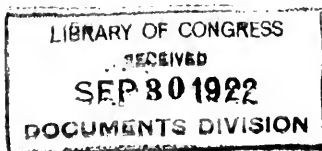
Two atlases (three retained by the Commissioners), each containing 19 sheets of the boundary map, 5 sheets of profile, and 2 sheets, index map, showing the adjacent country.

Two volumes of illustrations (seventeen retained by the Commission for distribution to the libraries of the War Department, the Military Academy at West Point, and the principal employees of the Survey.

Sixteen volumes (four sets) of the photographs and about 600 negatives were previously sent to the Department.

Inclosed herewith is a list of copperplates, electrotypes, original maps, survey records, etc., which are transmitted in connection with the report.

In presenting this report of the work upon which the Commission has been engaged during the past four years, we beg leave to express our appreciation of the uniform support and kind consideration received at all times from the Department, without which our labors would have been much more difficult.



We would also put on record the fact that throughout the many trying and often delicate conditions of an international character, which have of necessity arisen during the progress of the work, our associates of the Mexican Commission have invariably shown a spirit of fairness and courtesy which has always rendered possible the satisfactory solution of every perplexing question.

To Señor Jacobo Blanco, engineer in chief of the Mexican section, who is a thorough English scholar, special thanks are due for valuable assistance in translating and interpreting, rendering the employment of a special translator unnecessary.

This report may now be laid before the President with a view to the transmission thereof to Congress.

With highest respect, your obedient servants,

J. N. BARLOW,
Colonel of Engineers, U. S. A.,
 D. D. GAILLARD,
Captain of Engineers, U. S. A.,
 A. T. MOSMAN,
Assistant, Coast and Geodetic Survey,
Commissioners.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
 Washington, D. C.

List of boxes and rolls (with enumeration of contents) transmitted to the Department of State with the report of the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico, west of the Rio Grande.

Six boxes containing 300 half-tone copperplates of illustrations to accompany joint report.

One rack for copperplate holders.

Twelve boxes (copperplate holders) containing copperplates of map sheets Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 25, and 26, each box being marked "Mexican boundary west of the Rio Grande," with its plate number.

Ten boxes (electrotype-plate holders) containing electrotype plates of map sheets Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19a, each box being marked "Mexican boundary west of the Rio Grande," with its plate number.

One roll containing 220 photolithographs, 11 sets, of the profile sheets, 90 illustrations to report of United States section, Chapter IV, and 5 atlas title sheets.

One roll containing 17 original maps, being sheets Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 23, 24, 25, and 26.

One box, No. 1, containing astronomical records, as follows:

- 6 volumes 8vo., original latitude observations.
- 5 volumes 8vo., original azimuth observations.
- 9 volumes 8vo., original horizontal directions (triangulation).
- 2 volumes 8vo., original horizontal angles.
- 2 volumes 8vo., original magnetic observations.
- 8 volumes 8vo., original miscellaneous records.
- 1 volume 4to., original description of stations.
- 7 volumes 8vo., duplicate tangent record.
- 2 volumes 8vo., duplicate heliotrope experiments; also astronomical and geodetic computations and manuscript copies of Mr. J. F. Hayford's astronomical report and line report.

One box, No. 5, containing—

- 5 volumes original journal.
- 1 volume original tangent record, parallel 31° 47' and meridian section.
- 1 volume original tangent record, parallel 31° 20'.
- 1 volume original tangent record, parallel 31° 20' and California azimuth line.
- 7 volumes original tangent record, Sonora azimuth line.
- 2 volumes original heliotrope experiments.
- 4 volumes original tangent measurements, parallel 31° 47'.
- 1 volume original tangent measurements, meridian section.
- 1 volume original tangent measurements, meridian section and parallel 31° 20'.

One box, No. 5, containing—Continued.

- 7 volumes original tangent measurements, parallel $31^{\circ} 20'$.
- 6 volumes original tangent measurements, Sonora azimuth line.
- 4 volumes original tangent measurements, California.
- 1 volume original tangent remeasurements, meridian section and parallel $31^{\circ} 20'$.
- 2 volumes original level records, parallel $31^{\circ} 17'$.
- 1 volume original level records, parallel $31^{\circ} 47'$ and meridian section.
- 1 volume original level records, meridian section and parallel $31^{\circ} 20'$.
- 8 volumes original level records, parallel $31^{\circ} 20'$.
- 6 volumes original level records, Sonora azimuth line.
- 5 volumes original level records, California azimuth line.
- 1 volume original topographical sketches, parallel $31^{\circ} 47'$.
- 1 volume original topographical sketches, parallel $31^{\circ} 47'$ and meridian section.
- 3 volumes original topographical sketches, parallel $31^{\circ} 20'$.
- 3 volumes original topographical sketches, Sonora azimuth line.
- 1 volume original topographical sketches, California.
- 13 volumes original topographical records, parallel $31^{\circ} 47'$.
- 2 volumes original topographical records, parallel $31^{\circ} 17'$ and meridian section.
- 3 volumes original topographical records, meridian section.
- 45 volumes original topographical records, parallel $31^{\circ} 20'$.
- 41 volumes original topographical records, Sonora azimuth line.
- 19 volumes original topographical records, California.
- 6 volumes original record monument location.
- 2 volumes original record monument elevation.

One box, No. 24, containing correspondence of the United States section of the Commission (letters received, letters sent).



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